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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge
you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how
contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am
concerned that this proposal could make my current service
unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

In addition, many long distance service companies have been passing this tax along as a flat fee to their customers already on their landlines for years even though they were not required to, and this was not the spirit of the law.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I feel that I will be double or triple taxed. Once on my landline, and once for each cell phone.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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